

### Local Housing Standard Rates High in State Study

The people of Torrance live better than most families in California. Their homes are better heated, equipped with superior plumbing facilities and refrigeration, and are less crowded than the average dwelling in the state.

These facts are reported by the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association which recently analyzed latest census reports on national housing characteristics and determined that 51.8 per cent of Torrance's homes are equipped with central heating as compared with 44.1 per cent for all of California.

The GAMA analysis shows that 90.5 per cent of Torrance's homes have hot running water and private bath as contrasted with 86 per cent for the entire state and that 87.9 per cent are equipped with mechanical refrigeration. Natural gas predominates as the city's heating, water heating and cooking fuel.

### C and I Red Cross Fund Drive Begins

Commerce and Industry division leaders of Torrance's 1953 Red Cross fund campaign are out making their appeal to large firms in the area this week following a final check of plans last Thursday in the conference room of the Industrial Relations building of General Petroleum Corp.

Meeting with C. & I. chairman A. E. Thompson, of General Petroleum, were John Ebbinghouse, American Rock Wool Corp.; E. B. Paul, General Petroleum; O. A. Kresse, retired (formerly of Columbia Steel); A. D. Wagen, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; Reed H. Parkin, Domanco Corp.; Albert W. Hinz, Harvey Machine Co.; Mervin Schwab, American Radiator & Sanitary Corp.; S. E. Brunner, Columbia Steel; and H. C. Harper, Prudential Life Insurance Co.

The volunteers discussed the needs this year for vital Red Cross services, including the dramatic new anti-polio project, "operation gamma globulin," in which Red Cross is participating with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Red Cross will provide more than one million units of the whole-blood derivative, gamma globulin, before the expected summer polio epidemics.

G.G. has been proven effective in lowering the incidence of polio, and in preventing or minimizing the dread crippling effects of the disease in the majority of cases. Red Cross participation in "operation gamma globulin" will cost \$7,000,000 this year, and will take approximately 1,200,000 extra pints of whole blood.

### League Slates Four Games

League-topping Wildcats will tussle with the Greens Saturday morning in the Recreation Dept.'s grade school basketball league in the high school gym, according to Director Red Moon. The game will begin at 10 a.m.

Three other games are slated for Saturday. The Bruins will tangle with the Streaks, followed by a tilt between the Cubs and the Nativity crew. Playing will end with a bout between the Panthers and the Lions.

The Wildcats have chalked up four wins and no losses to lead the league, followed by the Bruins and Streaks, each with three wins and one loss.

### Robbery Suspect

Mrs. Frieda Marshall, 18, of Torrance, who pulled a gun on two highway patrol officers in Bakersfield recently after being stopped for speeding, has been sent to the Camarillo State Hospital for observation, it was reported this week.

### Three Tied for First Place in Casaba League

Six games are scheduled this week in the Recreation Dept.'s "A" adult and "B" basketball league, according to Director Red Moon.

On Monday three "A" games will be played. Manhattan All Stars tangle with Fenwick's Shoes, Redondo Eagles and Lee's Banner Drugs meet on the floor, and the National Supply and Hot N' Tot teams end the evening's round of play.

"B" teams to tangle in the Wednesday session are Allens Burgers vs. Torrance Teachers, George's Meat 'N Place and Torrance National Bank, and Harvey Machine vs. Treske's Men's Shop.

Fenwick's, Lee's and the Redondo Eagles are all tied up for first place in the tourney, each with five wins and one loss.

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